

It's *all* about
Jesus.

All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16

A painting depicting three crosses on a hill at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and yellow, with a bright glow behind the crosses. The foreground is dark and wavy, suggesting water or a dark landscape. The crosses are simple wooden structures. The overall mood is solemn and reflective.

Looking to Jesus

Part 44
Proof Positive of the
Father's Love!

**“My son, do not regard lightly
the **discipline** of the Lord,
nor be weary when **reproved** by him.
For the Lord disciplines the one
he loves, and **chastises** every
son whom he receives.”**

It is for discipline that you have to **endure.
God is treating you as sons. For what son is
there whom his father does not discipline?**



Discipline: Paideuo - To train up a child, educate, instruct, teach, to chastise.

Reprove: elencho - To convict, refute, confute, to find fault with, correct.

Chastises: mastigoo - To scourge

Endure: hypomeno (imperative) - To stay under, to persevere, bear bravely and calmly, not recede or flee.

There are three purposes for His discipline;

- ◆ Retribution - Corrective, not judgment

Natural

- ◆ Prevention - God puts fences around His kids to protect them.

- ◆ Education - For better service, better choices, better living.

There is a tendency among Christians to view anything unpleasant that happens to them as the result of “spiritual warfare.” When a difficulty arises, many immediately ask God to remove their distress. The problem is that their predicament may have nothing to do with Satan or with spiritual warfare. It may appear far more glorious for us to explain our hardships as Satan’s determined attacks against us, rather than admitting that we are merely reaping what we have sown and are being disciplined by our Heavenly Father (Gal. 6:7).
Experiencing God, Day by Day, Henry Blackaby

“For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but God’s discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness.”

The focus? Holy conduct



“So you must live as God’s obedient children. Don’t slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn’t know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy.” I Peter 1:14-16

God disciplines His children due to;

Sin

Bad decisions

An aspect of character

Calling our hearts back to Him

